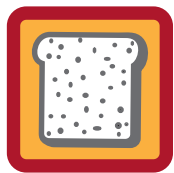


TAKE 5



to reduce the number of FALSE ALARM SIGNALS



98% of all automated fire alarm calls are unwanted fire alarm signal (UFAS) incidents. YOU CAN PREVENT THIS.



Toast- Is there a smoke detector nearby that could be accidentally set off?

- Don't leave cooking unattended
- Close doors in food prep areas
- Keep area well ventilated



Aerosols - Is there a detector nearby that could be accidentally set off?

- Use aerosol sparingly
- Keep area well ventilated
- Is there an aerosol substitute available?



Cleaning (Cleaning) - Is there a detector nearby that could be accidentally set off?

- Avoid steam cleaning - is there an alternative method?
- Is cleaning process likely to produce fumes to set off a detector
- Can areas of Fire Alarm system be isolated by engineer?



Equipment - Are you testing, moving items or working near fire alarm equipment?

- Ensure system is off line for testing
- Avoid accidental contact with Break glass units
- Consider local isolation for maintenance work



5 - 5 seconds, 5 minutes it doesn't matter

- Think about your actions
- Think how it will impact on the fire alarm system

For further advice, please visit www.firescotland.gov.uk



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An Alarming Trend of business interruption



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Automatic fire detection and alarm systems protect buildings and their occupants by detecting a fire at an early stage of its development. Each year across Scotland 48,000 fire alarm signals are generated, accounting for 45% of all fire and rescue activity. Less than 2% are as a result of fire, 98% require no intervention.

On average every Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal incident interrupts business for 27 minutes.

Business Continuity Management is a framework for identifying potential threats to an organisation and building organisational capability to respond to such threats. This should include assessing the potential for disruption caused by Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS).

Business Interruption Model

MINUTES

1 ALARM RECOGNITION

1 PRE-MOVEMENT

5 EVACUATION

9 FIRE & RESCUE ARRIVAL AND INVESTIGATION

6 RE-ENTRY

5 START UP

27 MINUTES LOST

Negative Impact on your Business

Loss of production

Every UFAS cost UK business £848

Loss of reputation

Loss of customer base

Threat to stakeholders

Loss of brand and value

adding activities

**Don't let your fire alarm system affect your business.
It's your system- you can control it!**

For further advice on preventing Unwanted Fire Alarms
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